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FRANKFURT FOR GAO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, NO

SUBJECT: GAO TEAM VISIT TO STUDY NORWEGIAN OIL POLICIES

REF: OSLO 1552

1. GAO NOW ADVISES THAT THRUST OF REVIEW OF NORWEGIAN OIL POLICY MODIFIED TO EMPHASIZE LESSONS LEARNED FROM NORTH SEA EXPERIENCE TO DATE FOR POSSIBLE APPLICATION TOWARD US OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT. A SECOND OBJECTIVE INVOLVES EXPLORING POSSIBLE USG ROLE AND WAYS IN WHICH IT COULD ASSIST US OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE NORTH SEA.
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2. DEPARTMENT EMPHASIZED EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE ON PRE-ELECTION NORWEGIAN POLITICAL SCENE AND URGED GAO TEAM TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION. GAO ASSURES US TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED. DEPARTMENT NOW BELIEVES THAT, IN LIGHT OF REVISED THRUST OF STUDY, GAO VISIT COULD BE EXPLAINED IN POSITIVE LIGHT WITHOUT RISK OF INVOLVEMENT

IN DOMESTIC POLITICS.

3. THEREFORE REQUEST EMBASSY DESIGNATE CONTROL OFFICER AND
PROPOSE COMPREHENSIVE ONE-WEEK SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE GON
OFFICIALS, STATOIL, US OIL COMPANIES, EMBASSY BRIEFINGS,

ETC., COMMENCING MAY 9.

4. GAO'S EUROPEAN BRANCH IN FRANKFURT WILL CONTACT EMBASSY
RE TEAM COMPOSITION AND SECURITY CLEARANCES.
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